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| Application Number     | 10/036,572           |
| Filing Date            | February 22, 2002    |
| First Named Inventor   | Thomas Hobson Outten |
| Art Unit               | 3743                 |
| Examiner Name          | Josiah Cocks         |
| Attorney Docket Number | OUT-1                |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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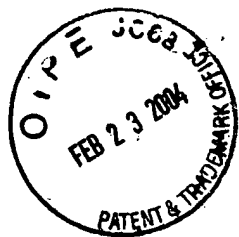
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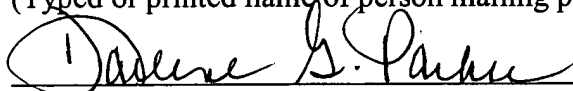
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Serial No: 10/036,572 ) Examiner: Josiah Cocks  
Filed: February 22, 2002 ) Our Client ID: 22827  
Confirmation No: ) Our Account No: 04-1403  
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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

| Claims remaining after amendment   | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Additional Fee  |
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| Total Effective Claims 20  | minus 3                            | =             | X \$18 = \$ .00 |
| Independent Claims 3   | minus 3                            | =             | x \$86 = \$ .00 |
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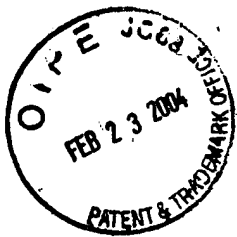
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Examiner: Josiah Cocks

**Introductory Comments**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, the Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Please do not enter the Amendment filed October 29, 2003; instead, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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